

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Still referring to FIG. 1, the air return bulkhead 150 is removably mounted to the front wall 110 of the trailer 100 such that it guides air to the inlet 135 of the temperature control unit 130. The air return bulkhead 150 includes a face panel 152 that is offset from the front wall 110 when the bulkhead 150 is properly mounted to the front wall 110. As such, air may flow in the space between the face panel 152 and the front wall 110 toward the inlet 135 of the temperature control unit 130. As shown in FIG. 1, the bulkhead 150 may be mounted to the wall 110 in an elevated position above the trailer floor 102 so that a gap exists between the bulkhead 150 and the trailer floor 102. The bulkhead 150 operates to guide air from near the floor 102 of the trailer 100 to the inlet 135 of the temperature control unit 130. Because the air from the outlet 134 is forced out near the ceiling 104 of the trailer 100, the air return bulkhead 150 reduces the likelihood of short cycling by returning air that has been cycled to the floor 102 toward the inlet 135.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in FIG. 3, the air return bulkhead 300 is mounted to the front wall 110 such that it abuts at least a portion of the interior portion 132 of the temperature control unit 130. When the bulkhead 300 is properly mounted to the front wall 110 of the trailer, one or more peripheral portions 304 may be abutted against the front wall 110. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 3, the peripheral portions 304 extend substantially along the side edges of the bulkhead 300, but a peripheral portion 304 need not extend the full length of an edge. The peripheral portions 304 form a seal with the front wall 110 (and/or the interior portion 132), thereby preventing a substantial amount of air from seeping in or out along the peripheral portions 304. A face panel 302 of the air return bulkhead 300 is offset from the peripheral portions 304 such that a space exists between the front wall 110 and the face panel 302. The mounted bulkhead 300 includes at

least one air return channel or port 306 near the floor 102 of the trailer. As shown in FIG. 3, the bulkhead 300 may be mounted to the wall 110 in a elevated position above the floor 102 so that, in this embodiment, the ports 306 face generally toward the floor 102. The ports 306 permit air to flow into the space between the face panel 302 and the front wall 110 and to flow toward the inlet 135 of the temperature control unit 130. One or more support portions 307 are formed in the air return bulkhead 300 such that the support portions 307 are offset from the face panel 302 (also shown in FIG. 4) and abut against the front wall 110 of the trailer 100. The support portions 307 provide structural support for the bulkhead 300 and reduce the likelihood of bending or cracking when cargo is pressed against the face panel 302.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIGS. 3 and 4, each flange 310 is passed through a corresponding slot 312 in an offset portion 308. The tip of each flange may contact a wall of the corresponding offset portion 308 such that the flanges 310 support the bulkhead 300. For example, as shown in FIG. 3, the flanges 310 may at least partially support the bulkhead 300 in an elevated position above the trailer floor 102. The flanges 310 may extend from the front wall 110 such that the peripheral portions 304 and the support portions 307 are abutted against the front wall 110 while the face panel 302 and the offset portions 308 are spaced apart from the wall. In some embodiments, the peripheral portions 304 may include a gasket that is positioned between the peripheral portions 304 and the front wall 110 so as to form a sufficient seal.